ALICE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role
The **primary role** of Alice Lake Provincial Park is to protect a system of four lakes and the surrounding forest environment for overnight and day use recreation. Opportunities include camping, water play, hiking, mountain biking, fishing and nature study for both local residents and destination visitors.

This park is part of a series of provincial parks and Forest Service recreation sites along the Sea to Sky Highway that provide a significant recreation resource for Lower Mainland residents and the tourism sector. In this context, Alice Lake Provincial Park is a centre of day use recreation within the Squamish area and is one of the primary destination campgrounds within the Squamish-Pemberton corridor.

Secondary Role
The **secondary role** is to protect a representative example of a coastal small lake system and associated forests within the Southern Pacific Ranges Ecosection. This includes protection of amphibian habitat, riparian areas along the Cheekeye River and smaller streams, forest values, and a heron rookery.

The forest values will gain increasing importance as the forest, previously logged in the 1920s, matures in size and age structure.

Known Management Issues	Response
Impacts of fish stocking on native amphibian species. Large numbers of stocked fish predate on indigenous amphibian species.	Fawn Lake has now been closed to fish stocking and baseline data (2000) on amphibian population levels have been established for all four lakes. Population changes at Fawn Lake will be monitored and a fish management plan will be prepared for all four lakes.
Human impacts in riparian areas, particularly along lake shorelines.	Use patterns and trail/access facilities will be diverted away from sensitive areas (sphagnum area at Stump Lake). Monitor other shoreline changes and implement protective measures as needed.
Gravel road provides access to forestry and private lands beyond the park. Non-park use of the road has created safety and facility issues within the park area. Long term goal of the Province has been to close the road.	MOF has now constructed an alternate forestry access road which is appropriate for industrial use. Strategy needs to be developed and implemented for full closure of road.

Private land adjacent to Edith Lake. Development of this land would have a significant negative impact on the recreation and conservation values of Alice Lake Provincial Park.	Acquire land as is feasible. If the land cannot be acquired work with the landowner and the District of Squamish to ensure protection of park values.
Forest health issues. The second growth forest is now in a stage of self thinning with a number of smaller dead standing stems. Safety issue, particularly in developed facility areas.	Implement standard Danger Tree program. In addition, a small area of the campground was proactively thinned in 1999. Evaluate effectiveness of this project and implement further if appropriate.

Zoning

Natural Environment – This zone (approximately 307 ha or 78% of the park) will protect a maturing second growth forest, three associated lake features, and a riparian area along the Cheekeye River. It will also provide opportunities for dispersed non-facility based hiking, mountain biking, and other day use activities.

Intensive Recreation – This zone (approximately 89 ha or 22% of the park) will provide an area of highly developed recreation facilities for overnight camping and lakeshore day use activities.

Conservation

Representation		
- ecosection		Southern Pacific Ranges (SPR). This ecosection is well represented (16.46%) in PA system. Alice Lake Park provides minimal representation due to small size.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	☒	Smaller contributor to protection of subzone that is underrepresented in PA system – 1.5% of overall representation of the CWHdm in protected areas is in Alice Lake.
Special Feature	☐	None.
Rare/Endangered Values	☒	Small great blue heron colony.
Scientific/Research Opportunities	☒	Amphibian/small coastal lakes.

Recreation

Representation		
Backcountry	☐	
Destination	☒	Destination camping, day use and mountain biking opportunities.
Travel corridor	☒	Camping and day use for Highway 99 corridor travelers.
Local recreation	☒	Hiking, biking and day use.
Special Opportunities	☒	Mountain biking on extensive adjacent trail system.
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	☐	

Cultural Heritage

Representation	☐	
Special Feature	☐	

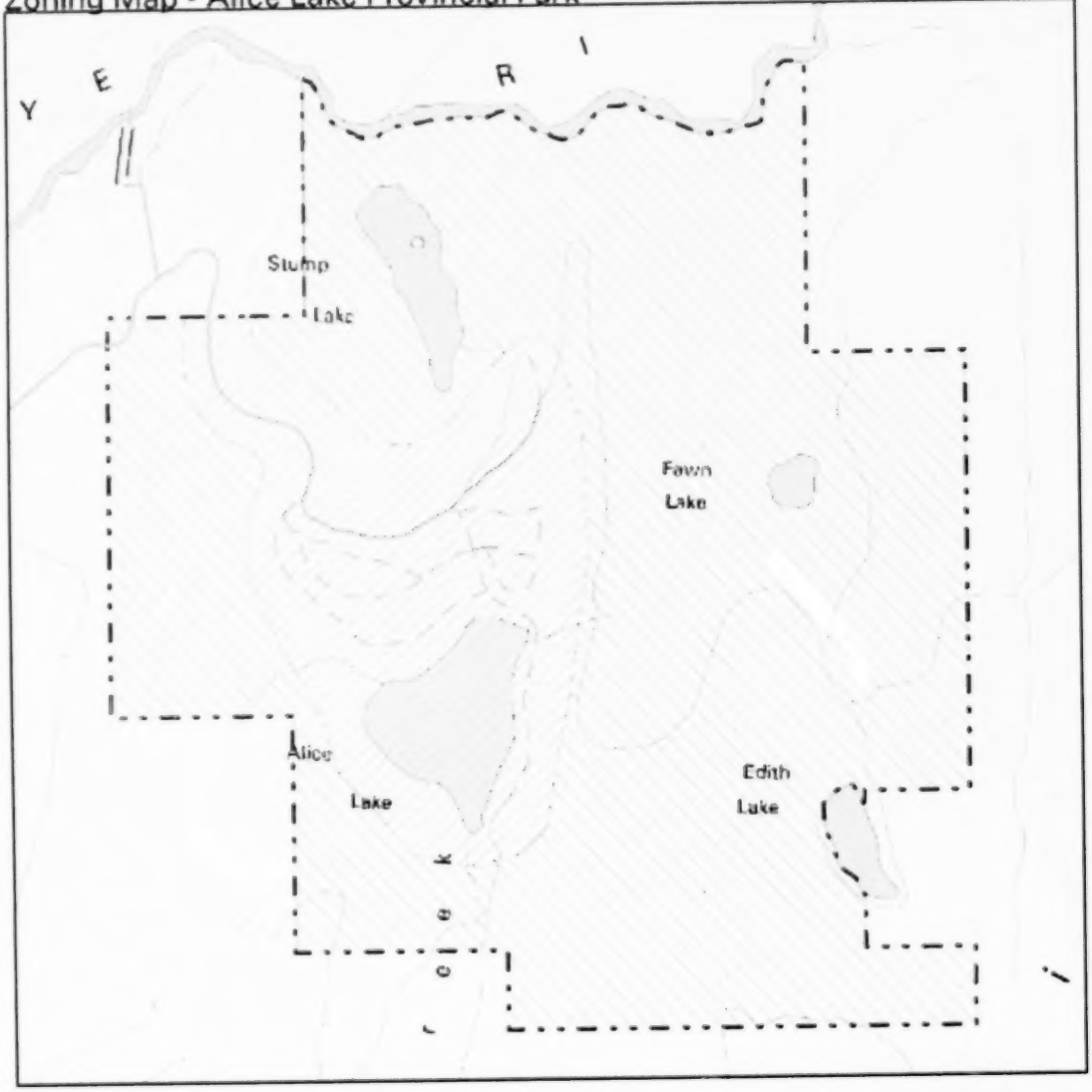
Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	☐	
Relationship to other PAs	☒	One of a series of parks along Highway 99 which link to form a key resource for corridor public recreation and tourism.
Co-operative Management Arrangements	☐	
Partnerships	☒	Large community based recreational events partially occur within park (mountain bike festival, triathlon).
Vulnerability	☐	
Relationship to other Strategies		

Area: 396 hectares

Date of establishment: November 23, 1956

Zoning Map - Alice Lake Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Intensive Recreation
Natural Environment
Protected Area Boundary

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